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YEARBOOK

of

THE PENNSYLVANIA HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

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With Reports for
1959

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THE PENNSYLVANIA HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY is a NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION of INDIVIDUALS WHOSE PURPOSE IS TO PROMOTE HORTICULTURE.

The aims of the Society are to help our members and friends with their horticultural problems.

With the increase in new homes The Horticultural Society can be of great help. Their trained staff is at your disposal, to assist you to solve your planting problems and save you from making expensive mistakes.

There are lectures throughout the winter, books from the excellent horticultural library which may be used directly or by mail, participation in the Philadelphia Flower Show, Spring Daffodil Show and Chrysanthemum Show at Swarthmore.

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(may be paid in installments.)

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ANNUAL MEETING — 1959

The 133rd Annual Meeting of The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society was held on Wednesday, November 18, 1959. Mr. George R. Clark, President, presided.

Mr. Clark's report was followed by the reports of the various Committees. These reports are printed in full in the Year Book.

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Year Ending November 18, 1959

Membership as of November 18, 1959.....5905
Losses, including deaths1928
New Members added during the year..... 673

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

1959

1959 was a year of change—a change for the better. Henceforth we hope to talk more to other people and less to ourselves. Now just what does this mean? The single most important development during the fiscal year ended September 30, 1959, was the creation of a new position, that of “Director.” This is an entirely new job and represents an addition to our staff.

Our office, up until August of this year, has been run by four women who have worked diligently. Our former Horticulturist, Miss Porter, left our employment last June. Miss Klockner, who graduated with distinction from Ambler, joined our staff and is doing an excellent job in her new position. When I talked with you a year ago the Executive Council had approved the creation of a position of “Director” but at that time we had not located the right man for the job. We searched far and wide, interviewed many candidates, and finally were fortunate in persuading Carlton Lees to leave his position as Horticulturist of Kingwood Center, Mansfield, Ohio, to head our staff.

It is too early to announce in detail our program for 1960. It is our intention to assist, talk to, and provide demonstrations for the public, not just our members. We hope to release periodically up-to-date information about the culture and propagation of various plants during the appropriate season of the year.

We are already taking a more active role in national societies devoted to horticulture and we expect to be represented and become better known as an organization of horticultural influence. We likewise are encouraging local plant societies to make more use of our rooms and hope they will feel that The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society is here to assist them whenever and wherever possible. In Rotterdam next spring an International Horticultural Exhibit will be held. Our organization—as the oldest Horticultural Society in the United States—is now making active plans to put on an exhibit of historical significance at this show known as “Floriade.” These are but a few indications of the directions in which we plan to move. It is sincerely hoped that our “new look” will have appeal to greater segments of the public. A year ago we took a calculated risk, as I indicated in my remarks at the 1958 Annual Meeting. We raised our dues, effective January 1, 1959, from \$5.00 to \$8.00. It is unfortunate that some of our members felt this jump in price too steep. Yet it was necessary if we were to forge ahead and expand our staff and program. We are not happy about our loss in membership nor are we alarmed.

We are well aware of the statistics indicating the rapid increase in sales of garden equipment, which far exceed the dollar volume of sporting goods sold. We notice the young new home owner is interested in growing

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

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trees, shrubs, and plants. Over 100 people attended a demonstration on the propagation and care of azaleas which we sponsored last spring at the Morris Arboretum. The evidence of the public interest in gardening is too abundant to require additional proof. It is our job to reach these people, help them, and show them that by joining our Society they can further their knowledge of horticulture and improve their gardening technique. We are prepared to go forward and, with your help, we will build our membership to new heights.

To accomplish our goals will require substantial changes in the program of the Society as it has existed. New directions require new ideas—and those of every member are needed and welcomed to help The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society move forward.

GEORGE R. CLARK

President

DIRECTOR'S FORECAST

According to the forecasters the 1960's are to be years of bigger and better, a decade to surpass even the 1950's. All of the seers are optimistic; all are extremely confident in their optimism. If this is so, then we have a right to expect the years ahead to bring greater accomplishments to The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society. New programs, new services, more and better information, and through these, more members than ever. These things we want. But more important than what the decade ahead can bring to the Society is what the Society can bring to the Greater Philadelphia Community.

It is a privilege to embark on this new endeavor as Director of your Society. I look forward with eager anticipation to the decade ahead.

CARLTON B. LEES

SECRETARY'S REPORT

There were 3974 visitors to the Rooms in the last year, compared with 3982 the year before. The lectures continued to be given outside the Rooms. These figures were taken from the Annual Meeting last year, through October of this year. There were 38 Society and Council meetings in the Rooms during that same period, and 37 meetings of outside organizations.

Respectfully submitted,

MARY M-P ALLINSON,

Secretary

(Mrs. E. Page Allinson)

MEMBERSHIP REPORT — 1959

This year has seen a reversal in the trend of past years when our figure for membership in the Society climbed steadily higher and higher. As of March 1958 when we reached a peak figure we had 7476 members but from that date until the present it has been declining until today it

stands at 5774. Of course this looks at first sight like progress in the wrong direction and indeed there can be no question that the direction is wrong. However a careful analysis of the factors in this picture is not as discouraging as one might expect.

The chief reason for the drop in our membership total which amounts to about 23% has been the increase in our yearly dues from \$5.00 to \$8.00 and this was clearly foreseen at the time the decision was made to raise them. You will recollect that when this increase was announced, effective last January 1st, it was explained that it was necessitated on two counts. The first was the obvious one that our costs of operation—rentals, salaries, etc.—have moved up in line with the general economy. The second reason, and by far the more important, stemmed from the recommendations of the New Activities Committee as approved by the Executive Committee. These covered a considerable expansion of the activities of the Society so that we might bring our services to a much wider group, the smaller home owner for one. This program is even now being put into its finished form and as the details become clearly established your Membership Committee with Mrs. Taggart's able help is prepared to launch an aggressive campaign to resume our earlier constantly increasing membership.

Finally it is interesting and reassuring to note that horticultural societies similar to ours who have increased their dues likewise and for similar reasons have experienced the same loss of members to almost exactly the same percentage, and have then found that the tide turned and their membership increased steadily. This we expect and anticipate in the year ahead.

Respectfully submitted,
RICHARD H. L. SEXTON
Chairman

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Fundamentally a Nominating Committee deals with the future but this one is going to flash back for a moment and thank Mr. Clark for all that he has done for The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society.

The following members were unanimously re-elected to the Council for a period of three years, ending December—1962.

Mrs. Henry W. Breyer, Jr.	Mrs. Charles Platt
Mr. W. Atlee Burpee, Jr.	Dr. J. Franklin Styer
Mrs. John B. Carson	Mr. Carroll R. Wetzel
Mr. George R. Clark	Mrs. Harry Wood
Mr. Henry D. Mirick	

Three people have been appointed to fill vacancies on the Council:

Mrs. Edward L. Elliot, Bethayres, Pa.
Mrs. J. Pancoast Reath, Strafford, Pa.
Mr. George Wood Furness, Chester, Pa.

Mrs. J. Norman Henry was appointed to the Honorary Advisory Committee of the Council.

Respectfully submitted,
DOROTHY FALCON PLATT
Chairman
(Mrs. Charles Platt)

HORTICULTURAL COMMITTEE

The second year of Horticultural Classes in the Philadelphia Flower Show showed exciting progress. The number of entries increased from 78 to 111, and it is hoped that the eighteen classes scheduled for 1960 will attract an even larger number of amateur growers in the area.

The Daffodil Show, held this year on April 23rd and 24th, gained impetus from members of the American Daffodil Society who were in Philadelphia for their spring meeting. We are grateful to the Philadelphia National Bank for making available to us the first floor of their building at Broad and Chestnut Streets. The larger area greatly increased the effectiveness of the displays.

The Plant Exchange was again held on the last Saturday in April at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frederic L. Ballard, Jr. The Committee felt that the material brought in was of somewhat better quality than had been brought in previous years—a good trend that needs further encouragement. Of the cash received, \$29.00 was given to the sponsoring garden club and \$50.00 will be used next year to again stock a special table of unusual plants.

A total of 60 Field Lectures was given this past year, 48 to garden clubs and 12 to other groups. Due to a stricter policy regarding repeats, a good proportion of these lectures were given to groups not reached previously. We are again indebted to Mrs. Frederic L. Ballard, Jr., Mrs. J. Folsom Paul and Mrs. Edward J. Garra for giving their time and knowledge to this program.

Our thanks to the following Garden Clubs for their assistance in various projects of this committee: The Springfield Garden Club of Delaware County, the Providence Garden Club, the Weeders, Hill and Hollow, Huntingdon Valley and the Four Counties Garden Club.

And again a very special vote of thanks to the office staff for their invaluable help at all times.

Respectfully submitted,

MARTHA H. STARR

Chairman

(Mrs. Ralph T. Starr)

EXHIBITION COMMITTEE REPORT

The following exhibits were staged in the last twelve months:

Christmas Show

Recent Horticultural Publications

African Violets—Mrs. Odes R. Steele

Carnations—Mrs. Lewis Parsons

Daffodil Show—in conjunction with the
American Daffodil Society

New Garden Equipment and Supplies—The Garden
Supply Dealers of Delaware Valley

Demonstration and Field Trip, Azaleas—The
Morris Arboretum

Display of Trees and Shrubs with Colorful Fruits
September 20-26, WPEN window, 2212 Walnut Street

We wish to express deep appreciation to the many individuals who made these possible and successful. My own thanks go to the members of a helpful and active Committee.

For the future, we hope to increase the number and quality of exhibits outside the Society's Rooms. The spectacular Daffodil Show at the Philadelphia National Bank was a step in this direction. Soundly conceived and well staged shows in public places will, we believe, reach many more people, increase the Society's stature, and promote interest in horticultural matters as well as membership in the Society. Inadequacies of space and background, lighting and service facilities and the inside location seriously inhibit the presentation of all but the simplest exhibits in the rooms. The sheer physical effort involved in getting material from parking lots to the third floor is probably not fully recognized except by the exhibitors themselves and the staff.

To best serve the Society and its members, it is therefore felt that our main effort should be on the outside. This may mean fewer exhibits in the rooms, where our aim will be to plan relatively small exhibits and minor displays which are interesting, colorful, stimulating, or just fun, —but never conclusive or pretentious.

As always, your committee very much wants helpful criticisms and suggestions from members of the Society.

Respectfully submitted.

R. GWYNNE STOUT

Chairman

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

STATEMENT OF CONDITION

ASSETS

Cash in Bank and on Hand				\$ 20,542.53	
Investment Principal Account carried below				4,378.16	\$ 16,164.37
Investment Principal	Market	Investment	Cash	Total	
General	\$291,174.63	\$241,658.88	—	\$241,658.88	
Life Membership			2,595.69	2,595.69	
Library			1,782.47	1,782.47	
Total	\$291,174.63	\$241,658.88	\$ 4,378.16	\$246,037.04	\$246,037.04
Equipment:		Cost:	Deprec'n.	Book Value	
Books		\$ 13,888.89		\$ 13,888.89	
Portraits		6,265.00		6,265.00	
Furniture, Fixtures, etc.		26,011.38	23,466.40	2,544.98	
Total		\$ 46,165.27	\$ 23,466.40	\$ 22,698.87	\$ 22,698.87
Other Assets:					
Expense Prepaid:					
Total above Assets					2,074.05
Elizabeth Schaffer Trust Fund, Girard Trust, Trustee (Market Value \$323,874.74)					\$286,974.33
Total Assets					335,365.15
					\$622,339.48

LIABILITIES

Accrued Expense	2,977.26
Accrued Payroll Taxes	415.48
Total Liabilities	
Society's Equity	\$ 3,392.74
	<u>\$618,946.74</u>

The Society's Equity is composed of the Following Funds:
F u n d

	9-30-58	9-30-59
General Account	\$154,925.85	\$206,418.99
125th Anniversary	1,755.89	1,755.89
Legacy—Marie L. Ball	850.00	850.00
Total above	\$157,531.74	\$209,024.88
Life Membership	71,444.24	72,774.24
Library	1,710.38	1,782.47
Total	\$230,686.36	\$283,581.59
Schaffer Trust	331,640.46	335,365.15
Total	\$562,326.82	\$618,946.74

We have examined the books and accounts of The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society for the fiscal year ended September 30, 1959. In our opinion, the above statement of condition and attached comparative statement of income and expense, prepared from the books, present fairly the position of the Society as of September 30, 1959 and its results from operations for the last two fiscal years.

HERR and HERR, *Certified Public Accountants*
 By PHILIP C. HERR

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES

	1959	1958	In/Decrease
INCOME—GENERAL FUND			
Schaffer Trust	\$ 13,448.22	\$ 13,593.28	\$ —145.06
Investment Income	10,506.16	11,806.78	—1,300.62
Annual Dues from Members	35,254.75	30,138.00	5,116.75
Interest—Savings Accounts	40.43	49.54	—9.11
Special Contributions	280.75	240.50	40.25
Total Ordinary Income	\$ 59,530.31	\$ 55,828.10	\$ 3,702.21

REPORT OF THE TREASURER (continued)

EXPENSES—GENERAL FUND			
Executive Committee	\$ 25,857.39	\$ 21,949.00	\$ 3,908.39
Lecture Committee	1,025.44	1,028.60	—3.16
Chrysanthemum Show	1,706.50	1,553.79	152.71
Exhibition Committee	1,809.05	1,010.49	798.56
Library Committee	7,383.79	7,623.72	—239.93
Horticultural Committee	1,623.87	1,210.07	413.80
Editorial Committee	13,560.06	13,253.73	306.33
Membership Committee	840.27	925.02	—84.75
Garden Visits Committee	270.08	304.46	—34.38
Pensions Paid	900.00	900.00	—
Spring Luncheon	176.75	171.66	5.09
Awards	52.63	25.71	26.92
Social Security Tax	401.45	331.43	70.02
Depreciation Furniture and Fixtures.....	543.40	571.66	—28.26
Total Expenses	\$ 56,150.68	\$ 50,859.34	\$ 5,291.34
Excess Income from above	\$ 3,379.63	\$ 4,968.76	\$ —1,589.13
Life Membership Fund—Dues	1,330.00	1,320.00	10.00
Library Fund—Comm. Sale of Books, etc.	20.96	16.83	4.13
Interest—Savings Fund	51.13	46.24	4.89
Total Excess of Income over Expenses	\$ 4,781.72	\$ 6,351.83	\$ —1,570.11
125th Anniversary Fund—Expenditures	—	—20.00	20.00
Gain Sale of Securities General Fund	48,113.51	124.91	47,988.60
Schafer Trust	3,724.69	144.65	3,580.04
Total Increase in Funds	\$56,619.92	\$ 6,601.39	\$ 50,018.53

Signed: J. FRANKLIN STYER, *Treasurer.*

AWARDS COMMITTEE

Our Society presents four types of Awards:

1. The Courtesy Award, for members who open their gardens for the Society.
2. The Flower Show Award.
3. The Special Award to individuals for Horticultural Excellence or Achievement.
4. An Award for Landscape Planting of Public Buildings.

Our Flower Show Award given to exhibits of special merit stimulating an interest in horticulture, was presented at the following shows:

The New England Spring Flower Show, which is sponsored by the Massachusetts Horticultural Society, to N. A. G., Cape Cod Branch, for a semi-formal June Garden.

The Philadelphia Flower Show, to Ernesta Drinker Ballard, for stimulating interest in horticulture.

The Chrysanthemum Show, Swarthmore, to Mill Creek Nurseries, of Newark, Delaware.

Our highest award presented to individuals was given this year at the Spring Luncheon to the following:

Mrs. Frederic L. Ballard, Jr., in recognition of her important contribution to the study of indoor plants, and to

THE ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF PHILADELPHIA for its far-sighted treatment of the Garden as an island of horticultural as well as zoological importance to the city and public.

In June, *The Gold Medal Certificate* to Mr. Welles Knierim, of the North American Lily Society at Longwood, for the best single stalk in the Show.

In June, the *James Boyd Memorial Medal* was given to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Thomforde, of Crookston, Minnesota, for the most distinguished peony entry in the Show of the American Peony Society.

The Courtesy Award, for members who open their gardens for the Society were given to:

Dr. and Mrs. John Knorr	Mr. and Mrs. Frederick W. G. Peck
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph N. Pew, Jr.	Mrs. Robert R. Meigs
Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rebmann	Mr. and Mrs. Ford B. Draper
Mr. and Mrs. Herbert C. Morris	Mr. and Mrs. John Clark
Mrs. John M. Taylor	Mr. and Mrs. David Stockwell
Mr. and Mrs. J. Somers Smith	Mr. and Mrs. Ovid S. Petrescu
Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Woodward	Mr. and Mrs. Sellers Bancroft
Mr. and Mrs. Horace C. Jones	Mr. and Mrs. Pierre S. duPont, III

Respectfully submitted,

J. LIDDON PENNOCK, JR.



PINUS PARVIFLORA

Age Approximately 40 Years — Imported from Japan in 1956

AZALEA GARDEN COMMITTEE

The Azalea Garden in Fairmount Park was officially opened in May 1954. With each succeeding year the garden has become more beautiful. Not only is this true at the peak of spring bloom, May and June, but throughout the seasons. April brings hosts of daffodils preceded by crocus and the first Azalea, *A. mucronulatum*. There is scattered bloom after the main show even into October and November when the fall foliage is in itself quite lovely. On a mild winter day the healthy leaves of the evergreen varieties and of the rhododendrons are a pleasure to see. The general plan of the garden is a pleasing one.

This season, in spite of high and continuous humidity, has been a good growing year for shrubs. There are many flower buds set for next year's show. The plants, with few exceptions, look very healthy and many have produced more growth than usual.

From time to time it becomes necessary to replace plants. Sometimes new varieties are added which will prolong the season of bloom. When one variety is not satisfactory, for instance, under the elm trees where growing conditions are difficult, a change is necessary. The Park has been most generous in donating plant material from their Nursery. With the approval of the architect, Mr. Frederick Peck, this year they have replanted a pink dogwood tree and andromedas by the tablet, added leucothoe to the planting along Fairmount Avenue, 20 Dexter Hybrid Rhododendrons, as well as numerous azaleas in locations where they were needed. John Boyle has been the gardener as usual and the committee is pleased with his continued interest. There are plans in the making for next year which we hope will bring more horticultural knowledge, by way of the garden, to all azalea growers.

Respectfully submitted

ESTELLE L. SHARP
Chairman

LECTURE COMMITTEE

To write a report for a Year Book is never as interesting as are plans for the future because we are looking backward to make the report.

The first lecture of the last season was a demonstrated talk on Christmas and holiday decorations by Mrs. Herbert Gerger, Rockville, Maryland. She charmed her audience with her vivacious personality, her wit and beautiful decorations. The talk was held in the YWCA at 2027 Chestnut Street. The auditorium is on ground floor level, has good seating capacity

LECTURE COMMITTEE

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and seemed to be the most convenient within our budget for talks in central city.

This hall was also selected for the January and February talks. Thursday, January 22, Mr. Norman C. Fisher, Superintendent Washington Crossing State Park, Pa., spoke eloquently and gave a most informative talk on "Wildflowers of Bowman's Hill."

Wednesday, February 25, Dr. George B. Tatum, Chairman of the Department of History of Art of the University of Pennsylvania, spoke on "The Landscape Garden in America." His history of this subject, with old prints of early gardens was most informative and enjoyed by all.

Wednesday, March 11, the speaker at the Flower Show luncheon was Dr. George H. M. Lawrence, Director of the Liberty Hyde Bailey Hortorium, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, whose subject "Where is our Horticultural Leadership?" proved extremely popular.

We were fortunate in having such outstanding speakers during the season with diversified subjects but it is a problem to the Lecture Committee to know just what the members of the Society would like most to hear. With over 5000 members the lecture halls should be filled to capacity each time but it seems that only when Flower Arrangement is presented that this happens. Although the lectures were well attended there were too few people for an organization of this size.

If the members would send to the Chairman of this committee their suggestions for speakers or subjects on which they would like to be informed it would be helpful in planning the programs.

For another season a different hall in a different location might be considered. With the turnpikes and expressways many of the members may prefer a hall out of the city. Your chairman would also welcome any suggestions along this line.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank the members of my committee

Mrs. J. Gibson McI. Bunting
Dr. Ethel B. Hankele
Miss Gertrude Smith
Mrs. Carl B. Watson

and the office staff for their invaluable help.

Respectfully submitted,

ANNE WERTSNER WOOD
Chairman

(Mrs. Harry Wood)

GARDEN VISITS COMMITTEE

In order to give variety to our Garden Visit Days, this year, the Committee chose June 6th, to feature roses, June 20th to show annual and perennial gardens and September 26th for autumn flowers.

To make the visit to the rose gardens as interesting and educational as possible, Mrs. Folsom Paul was asked to be in one garden to answer questions on the growing and care of roses; pruning, spraying, watering, etc. This innovation was met with great enthusiasm and many members and their guests found Mrs. Paul's information and advice most valuable.

Another innovation this year, was the distribution at each garden, of a description of the places to be visited, emphasizing horticultural information. Many members found these sheets very helpful.

The average attendance of June 6th was 378, June 20, 392 and on September 26th, 298. There were a total of 482 guests which greatly helped our budget.

Total expenses	\$946.08
Total receipts	676.00
Budget allowance	400.00
The Committee reports a balance of....	\$270.08

We take this opportunity to thank the owners for so graciously opening their houses and gardens and for sharing them with our members and their guests.

Respectfully submitted,

MARGARET B. REBMANN

(Mrs. Walter Rebmann)

Chairman

(List of gardens visited will be found under the Award Committee's report, page 15)



PRIZE WINNING EXHIBIT OF THE 1959 PHILADELPHIA FLOWER SHOW

STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE PHILADELPHIA FLOWER SHOW

"The Land of the Acacia" was the theme of the 1959 Philadelphia Flower Show, with the Stone Acacias from Massachusetts inside a conservatory dominating the center aisle with their yellow blooms.

Mrs. Edward L. Elliot, Chairman of the Society's part in the Show, with nineteen assistants, had beauty and education in mind in the competitions.

The Huntingdon Valley Garden Club won first prize in Class 502, "Section of a Garden Using a Piece of Sculpture as the Center of Interest." They also won the Philadelphia Flower Show, Inc. Silver trophy and The Gold Medal Certificate of the Massachusetts Horticultural Society.

There were six educational exhibits "Hollies" done by the Ambler Junior College of Temple University was awarded the Bulkley Medal of the Garden Club of America. "House Plants on Vacation" by Ernesta Drinker Ballard won The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society Flower Show

Award. "Miniature Conifers" by the Morris Arboretum of The University of Pennsylvania, "Yesterday's Herbs in Today's Gardens" by The Philadelphia Unit of The Herb Society of America, and "Summer Care of Begonias" by The William Penn Branch of the American Begonia Society were awarded Certificates of Merit. The Pennsylvania Federation of Garden Clubs, with the staging done by Old York Road Garden Club demonstrated "Good and Poor Use of Plant Material in Small Areas."

"A Section of a Room with one or more arrangements, the dominant one of Roses Only" brought Huntingdon Valley Garden Club a first prize, the Jackson and Perkins Trophy, and a Garden Club Federation of Pennsylvania Blue and Gold Ribbon.

The Greater Philadelphia Orchid Society Trophy went to Heatherly D. Abernathy for her "Composition of Miniature Orchids," also The Middle Atlantic Carnation Grower's Association Trophy for her entry in The Challenge Class.

The Helen Hope Dechert Award for the outstanding arrangement of the week went to Mrs. Richard W. Barringer for her "Scale Model of an Interior," described by the judges as "Irresistible."

The Horticultural Classes started last year for amateur gardeners by Mrs. Richard D. Wood, Jr., grew apace and under her guidance had over a hundred entries this year in six sections. The Margaret Buckley Zant-zinger Award for the outstanding exhibit of the week in these classes was presented to Mrs. Charles S. Truitt for her orange tree.

The Information Booth under Mrs. Charles Becker, Jr. was manned by skilled horticulturists and was most popular with the public.

Mrs. James C. Hornor will be Chairman of the 1960 Show, now well under way.

Mrs. Henry W. Breyer, Jr. becomes the head of the Standing Committee, amid all good wishes.

Respectfully submitted,

VIRGINIA S. SCHEETZ

(Mrs. Francis H. Scheetz)
Chairman



THE PENNSYLVANIA HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY FLOWER SHOW AWARD
Exhibit of Millcreek Nursery — Swarthmore Flower Show, 1959

CHRYSANTHEMUM SHOW COMMITTEE

The 1959 Annual Chrysanthemum Show sponsored by the Society, in cooperation with The Arthur Hoyt Scott Horticultural Foundation and The Philadelphia Branch of the National Association of Gardeners, was held in the usual setting at the Swarthmore College on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, November 6th, 7th and 8th. The persistent inclement weather of past years still hampered our efforts for a record attendance. Sunny skies on Sunday, however, swelled our admissions.

The exhibits were well diversified in that we had good examples of Amateur, Professional and Commercially grown Material in many forms. In addition to Chrysanthemums there were Vegetables, Apples, Roses, Camellias, Berried Shrubs and a large collection of Flowering Crab Apples.

Awards for outstanding exhibits were as follows:

THE PENNSYLVANIA HORTICULTURAL FLOWER SHOW AWARD TO:
MILLCREEK NURSERIES.

THE DAVID LESLIE POE MEMORIAL AWARD AND
THE PHILADELPHIA FLOWER SHOW SWEEPSTAKES
SILVER TROPHY TO:

MR. WALTER F. RATHMELL

THE EDITH WILDER SCOTT GOLD MEDAL TO:

THE DELAWARE VALLEY CHRYSANTHEMUM SOCIETY
(This medal honoring Mrs. Scott presented by The Providence Garden Club)

FEDERATED GARDEN CLUBS OF PENNSYLVANIA AWARDS TO:

Mrs. A. Duer Pierce, Jr.—Tricolor

Mrs. J. Pancoast Reath—Distinction

Men's Chrysanthemum Club of Norristown—Horticulture
Delaware Valley Chrysanthemum Society—Education

Special awards were also given to Linvilla Orchards for their amusing Hay Ride exhibit and to Mrs. Robert Anderson and Mrs. Frederick C. Elkins for their Oriental Diorama. Berried Shrubs and Crab Apples from The Arthur Hoyt Scott Foundation along with a very comprehensive display of Apple Varieties from the New York State Experiment Station at Geneva completed the picture.

Thanks to the Co-Chairman, Mr. Harry Wood and the working members of this Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES BECKER, JR.
Chairman

LIBRARY COMMITTEE

The Library had an all time high of 1767 visitors last year and circulated 2110 books. With this record it is astonishing to find that many people still do not realize that we have an outstanding Horticultural Library of over 7000 volumes, available to all members of the Society. Nor do they realize that we have reference books on garden planning and design, botany, and plant material of every description. Our Librarian, Mrs. Zuch, is available to recommend the best books on any subject, and our trained Horticulturist is there to answer difficult questions. Comfortable chairs and large work tables make a visit to the Library to browse or study an unusually pleasurable experience. For those members who cannot come to town, our mailing service is always available. A total of 864 books were mailed to members last year which is more than double the number mailed two years ago.

The Library Booth at the Flower Show and Daffodil Show was a successful innovation and many copies of our list of recommended books for the home gardeners' library were distributed to interested visitors.

During the year the Library was fortunate in obtaining three fine glass exhibition cases which are now available for displays of rare prints and books.

New additions to the Library include 120 books purchased and 29 received as gift or review copies. As always the Committee is glad to receive suggestions from members as to books which should be added to our collection and welcomes contributions of older books now out of print.

Gifts to the Library during 1959 include:

ENJOYING AMERICA'S GARDENS, by Joan Parry Dutton
Gift of Mrs. J. Norman Henry

LAND, 1958 YEARBOOK OF AGRICULTURE,
U. S. Department of Agriculture
Gift of James A. Byrne, M.C.

AMARYLLIS MANUAL, by Hamilton Traub.
Gift of Mrs. J. Norman Henry

OLD ROSES FOR MODERN GARDENS, by Richard Thomson
Gift of Author

CATALOGUE OF BOTANICAL BOOKS IN THE COLLECTION OF
RACHEL McMASTERS MILLER HUNT, Compiled by Jane
Quinby
Gift of Dr. G. H. M. Lawrence

REPORTS OF EXPLORATIONS TO ASCERTAIN THE MOST
PRACTICABLE AND ECONOMICAL ROUTE FOR A RAIL-
ROAD FROM THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER TO THE PACIFIC
OCEAN. Made under the Secretary of War in 1853-4; Report
of the Botany of the Expedition. 1856.
Gift of Miss Elizabeth Hoffman

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SUNSET MAGAZINE, 9 Handbooks
Gift of Mr. Carlton Lees

ADAM IN EDEN or NATURES PARADISE. THE HISTORY OF
PLANTS, FRUITS, HERBS AND FLOWERS. William Coles.
London 1657.
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